THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Once have tied up eight consumers for use of gas that they propose to produce in the K. G. Basin. In addiion 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been committed for APSEB, Supply of gas to MRs. Delta Paper Mills has since commenced. ONGC would be laying pipelines from the gas fields to supply gas to the consumers.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

इलाहाबाद में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन बूथ

696. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय इलाहाबाद के शहरी और ग्रामीण इलाकों में कुल कितने टेलीफोन बूथ कार्यरत हैं और उन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या है जहां इस प्रकार के बूथों के खोले जाने का विचार किया गया है ; और

(ख) इस संबध में विस्तार योजना क्या है?

ऊर्जा मंत्री और संचार मंत्री (श्री बसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है तथा इसे सभापटल पर रख दिया जायेगा ।

Import of Cellular Telephone*

697. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under. Government's consideration to import cellular telephones from a Swedish Firm; and

(b) if so, what are the details there, of and what is the name of the firm?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) A Swedish Company is one of the bidders in response to the tender Called for the supply of Cellular Mobile Telephone System for Bombay.

(to) The decision regarding placement of orders has not yet been finalised.

Losses to Cycle Corporation of India and National Bicycle Corporation of India

698. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cycle Corporation of India (CCIL) and the ' National Bicycle Corporation of India (NBCIL) in the public sector have been running constantly in losses and that Government proposes to close down these unite;

(b) if so, what are the details of progressive losses suffered by these units during 1985, 1986 and 1987 and what are the major reasons identified for the continuous losses toy these units; and;

(e) what measures have been taken by Government so far to make these units, economically viable and what are the reasons for not achieving' the desired" results?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to Co) Both the Cycle Corporations of India Limited, Calcutta and the National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited, Bombay which were taken over from the private sector, have been incurring yearly losses. The quantum of net loss ' incurred by these two units during- the last three financial years is as follows:—